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Palm Springs, CA 92264

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FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney  
5600 Fishers Lane  
Rockville, Maryland 20857


Re: Antibiotics in animal feed

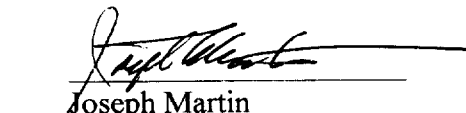
Dear Ms. Henney:

Please prohibit livestock producers from routinely adding medically important antibiotics to animal feed to promote growth.

Example of the problem: Bacteria have already started to become immune to Synercid, the new antibiotic approved by your agency. A close cousin of Synercid, Virginianmycin, has been routinely fed to poultry (to speed growth) for over a decade. That may well explain why the bacteria are becoming resistant to Synercid.

We are concerned consumers.

  
Joan Martin

  
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